

Spanish Difficulties.

The impression seemed to be universal, that upon the accession of the Duke D'Aosta to the throne of Spain, that quiet would be restored, and that the declaration of the event would put a quietus to the distraction which has long existed in Spain, and permanently secure domestic tranquility.

But latest advices seem to reverse that opinion. The Republicans, which are well represented in the Cortes, seem to view the Duke in about the same light as the Mexicans looked upon Maximilian; and upon the question of dissolution of the Cortes, after voting a congratulatory address to D'Aosta, a dispute arose, which plainly shows that all are not perfectly satisfied with the present state of affairs.

We can hardly conjecture with any certainty what the finale will be; the fear of sharing the fate of Maximilian, or what he would deem equally as bad, being ignominiously expelled from the country, may induce the Italian prince to halt before he goes too far; for he must plainly see that the drift of events in Europe goes to prove, the inhabitants of the old world, as well as the new, to be imbibing Republican principles, and he must easily perceive that his reign there would be but temporary at best, and must eventually result in his dethronement and disgrace.

We regret that we are compelled to admit the majority of the Spaniards to be Monarchists, yet we trust there is sufficient of the opposing element there to keep up a salutary influence on public affairs, until the time shall come when Spain shall be added to the list of Republics. Let the Republicans be firm in the advancement of their ideas, and at the same time considerate in their movements, and success must crown their efforts.

As He Predicted.

In the debate in the United States Senate concerning the Arlington estate, Mr. Thayer reminded the Senators "that he had predicted the day would come, when the leaders of the rebellion would be honored in the United States Senate. In one sense, the day has come sooner than he expected."

This prediction was made by others, of less prominence, and has been ridiculed by men in both parties, under the pretext that the rebellion, and all the questions connected therewith, were settled by the bayonet, and that the people of the South acceded to the situation, and were willing to give up the contest. But what does the sequel show? The people of the South, backed by their adherents in the North, have claimed one right after another, until now, they come into the Senate of the United States, and demand the restoration of the Arlington estates to the Lee family, their former owners.

And in the debate upon the question, one Senator (Mr. McCreery), more outspoken than any of his colleagues, indulges in a eulogy upon the arch traitor, Robert E. Lee, and refers to the friendly relationship existing personally between Lee and Thomas, as one important reason for introducing the resolution, and a reasonable excuse for granting the request therein contained.

It must be gratifying to every enemy of rebellion to know that the resolution was defeated. The Arlington estate was sold by legal authority, and purchased by the U. S. Government for a burial ground for the nation's dead. Thousands of brave men who had lost their lives in defence of the country, found a resting place on that estate, and now to remove them for the purpose of giving it back to those who had, by all means at their command, endeavored to pull down and disgrace our national colors, break up our Government, and rear upon its ruins a Government contrary in sentiments to a majority of the American people, would, it seems to us, be repugnant to every true hearted American. Well might the Senator say, "that if he had the power, he would write above the graves of every one of our national dead, the epitaph of Shakespeare: 'Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear To dig the dust enclosed here; Blessed be the man that spares these stones, And cursed be he that moves my bones.'"

The Question Settled.

The Philadelphia Post asks the following questions:

"Is it true that the Republican party put down the rebellion? Its journals repeat it every day, and its orators pronounce it upon all occasions, until, perhaps, some of them get to think it is a fact. The Republican party is responsible for a great many things about which there is no division of opinion, but is it true that it furnished the men who composed the army which fought the rebellion for four years and put down the rebellion? Let us have this one important point settled before we go further."

To the first question asked, "Is it true that the Republican party put down the rebellion?" We answer confidently, and without doubt, it is true. Has the Post any doubt of this being a fact? If so, we would request it to ask Jefferson Davis, one of the great lights of Democracy, if he ever, in public or private, used any means, or made use of any expressions that would in any way be detrimental to the interest of the rebellion, and tend to its suppression. Let it refer to the records of James Buchanan, and see if he ever, under any circumstances, did ought towards quelling the rebellion. Let it refer to Stonewall Jackson's record, to Beauregard, Lee, Johnson, or any of the acknowledged leaders of the Democratic party during the war, and ask them if they ever, in any way, assisted in putting down the rebellion. We would then ask it to refer to the files of the Richmond Examiner, the New York World, or any other accepted Democratic paper, that ever published one line denunciatory of the rebellion during the war. Then let it refer to the proceedings of the Chicago Convention of '64, and see if they passed a resolution, or even uttered one word that could be construed into favoring the project of putting down the rebellion. If it cannot find anything there, where were congregated the great lights of Democracy from all parts of the country, to sustain the fact that the Democracy put down the rebellion, then we would ask them to refer to a resolution, or any set of resolutions, passed by any National, State, County, or District Convention, in favor of vigorous measures for the suppression of the rebellion. If, in all this search, it cannot find anything to prove that the Democracy put down the rebellion, we are forced to the conclusion that the Republicans did do it (for there were but the two parties during that conflict), unless the ground is taken that the rebellion is not yet quelled. As to our thinking that the Republican party put down the rebellion, we frankly confess we believe it to be a fact. Not only have our journals repeated it, and our stump orators proclaimed it, but History, that universal chronicler of time, proclaims it, and will continue to proclaim it, as long as time endures. This testimony, corroborated by thousands of good and true men, who have witnessed the contests on the field, is so strong, that it leaves no room for doubt. As to the responsibility of putting down the rebellion, we would say, the Republican party seeks not to shirk from any such responsibility, but rather claim it as an honor. The men who fought to sustain the Government during its hours of trial were staunch, true-hearted Republicans, who favored a Republican Government in its purity—a representative Government by the people; such a Government as Washington and his co-workers favored, and fought hard and long to sustain—a Government that would be an honor to themselves, and a blessing to posterity. From the responsibility of sustaining such a Government, there is not a man in the Republican ranks that wishes to shirk. We, therefore, think the point settled, that "the men who composed the army which fought the rebels for four years, and put down the rebellion," were theoretically and practically Republicans.

And we think further, that if, after the search through all the sources of information already mentioned, the Post can find no rebutting testimony, it will candidly come to the conclusion that the question as to whether the Republican party furnished the men, and are really responsible for putting down the rebellion or not, is "settled" beyond the shadow of a doubt.

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Williams in the Senate.

On the 13th of December last, Mr. Williams presented in the United States Senate a joint resolution of the Legislature of Oregon, which he requested read.

The Secretary read the following:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That a line of railroad, from a point on the Central Pacific Railroad, at or near the north bend of the Humboldt, in the State of Nevada, to the Rogue River Valley, in Oregon, is of vital importance to the commercial and industrial interests of this State, and our Senators and Representatives in Congress are therefore instructed to use all possible efforts and influence in aid of the passage through Congress of the "Oregon Branch Pacific Railroad Bill," with the "Williams Amendment," and of any other legislation necessary to ensure the speedy construction of such line of railroad.

Passed by the Senate, Sept. 30, 1870.

JAMES D. FAY,

President of the Senate.

Concurred in by the House, Sept. 20, 1870.

B. HAYDEN,

Speaker of the House.

Senator Williams then proceeded as follows:

I will make a single remark in reference to that memorial. During the late political canvass in the State of Oregon, I was bitterly assailed by my political enemies because I had proposed the amendment referred to in that memorial, and it was claimed by some that a Democratic majority in the Legislature was secured upon that ground. When the Legislative Assembly convened, however, though there was a majority of my political enemies in both branches of the Assembly, they, with but two dissenting voices, passed this memorial, thereby approving in the Legislature, what they had denounced and condemned at the polls for party effect.

This is a concise statement of events as they actually occurred. The Democracy in this State made an issue in the late campaign on this very point, and charged the Republican party with not having the true interests of the State in view, because the Republican Senator (Mr. Williams) had favored an amendment to the "Oregon Branch Pacific Railroad Bill," so as to run that branch into Rogue River Valley, instead of the Willamette. And then, after they had secured their election on this issue, with deep anxiety to show their consistency, and desire for the prosperity of the State, they exacted from Col. Kelly, before they would elect him to the U. S. Senate, a solemn promise that he would support this very (Williams) amendment; and Kelly goes to Washington, bound by a promise to vote in direct opposition to the wishes of his constituents, as expressed at the ballot box. Surely the thing that is to be will be.

What Will Be Done?

It seems that other journals and men besides the REPUBLICAN and its editor, have the audacity to oppose what they deem to be wrong, and to vindicate what they claim to be right; even in their own party organization. When the REPUBLICAN took this stand some time since, it was said it ought to go over to the opposition. Now Mr. Sumner and Mr. Trumble comes out and denounces Grant's policy; the Corvallis Gazette does likewise, and says, "that Grant is attempting to unite Church and State in his Indian policy. Many leading Republicans think his policy on the Alabama question too sickly to contemplate; and in fact his Message falls dead upon the ear of the political world, politicians generally either remaining in profound silence in reference to it, or bitterly denouncing it. Where is Williams and his personal organs, among editors and politicians?"

We have received the following correspondence, which we insert verbatim et literatim:

Among the terrible things going on in political parties is the democracy with the very men as their leaders; that were the supporters of the several issues of the states in rebellion, when succeeding was the plea with them, (issues namely) the democratic party was defeated in 1860 as the "slavery" party; and in 1864 as the "peace" party; and in 1868 as the "war" party. That is just the way the matter stands. Now a days, the same men tell you, they must have the making of the laws for the loyal States, that they opposed. Honest Neighbor can you trust them now!

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Wild Turkeys in a Western Town.

On Saturday last Sidney was the scene of a streak of "sport" that would have tickled the ribs of the oldest "Nimrods" in the land. It was caused by the appearance in our midst of a large flock of wild turkeys—actually wild—no sham. The number was variously estimated at from 40 to 60. They first made their appearance in town near the Dayton and Mich. railroad depot. Becoming frightened, they flew directly down town, lighting in the street near the Burnett House, one or two lighting directly on top of it. Burnett, being unfortunately absent at St. Marys on a hunting expedition at the time, was not permitted to participate in the sport which followed. A large number of persons were on the street corners when the game arrived, but it was quite awhile before they seemed to realize that an installment of the prerequisite for a modern Thanksgiving dinner had descended like the quails of old from the clouds above, 2 weeks in advance of the time, right into their very midst. But when they did—talk about making preparations to repel the "Morgan raid!" It was nothing to the bustle and confusion that occurred in Sidney on the occasion referred to—guns of all kinds double barrels, single barrels, smooth bores, or any other kind of bores, were speedily brought into requisition. Lawyers left their offices, merchants and clerks their counting rooms and their counters—gentlemen of leisure got up from their store boxes. Old men, young men, fat men and lean men—boys, women and children, all moved to the front and the attack commenced. The turkeys, becoming frightened at this formidable array, scattered in all directions over the town. Then for half an hour or so we could imagine ourselves down in "Dixie," listening to a lively skirmish. And running! there is no doubt some of the tallest on record was done if the person could have been timed. One gentleman on Main street is said to have beaten "Ethan Allen's" time with a running mate, and caught a turkey. It is now proposed to harness him with a flying mate and back him against any turkey in the United States. Suffice to say, the boys and girls had lots of fun, and counted up, as the result of Saturday's Valley City hunt, the capture of 32 of the drove, and there was, no doubt, more taken than we heard of.

Professor Huxley's New Experiment.

Not only Christianity, but all revealed religion, according to some of the English secular papers, say the New York Tribune, has been on trial lately, in Liverpool. Prof. Huxley has had a bit of beef in an air pump, testing the theories of spontaneous or non-spontaneous generation. The trial is over. The reporters who have been standing on tip-toe over the beef, solemnly announce that "the result is satisfactory, and the Prof. is at one with the prevalent and united force of traditional orthodoxy." The maggots did not make their appearance without eggs. Ergo, there is a God. The world now draws its breath freely, and by leave of the Prof. and the beef, goes back to its Bible again. It is rather dispiriting, however, to be obliged to keep our faith ready at call to be weighed in the balance of every new experiment with maggots or otherwise. One does not like to hold immortality on the chances of an egg too many in a bit of beef. Prof. Huxley, who is a man of sense and a philosopher, does not ask it of us, nor do the better class of scientific men. It is, oddly enough, the secular journals who so constantly report "Christianity on trial," and found their theological creed on the last revelation of the below pipe, or rap from geologists' gammers.—Mobile Register.

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No. 1, vol. 12 of the Little Corporal comes out this month, with its flag at the mast-head, and its columns well filled with matters of interest, particularly to the little folks.

The People's Literary Companion, published by E. C. Allen & Co., Augusta, Maine, is one of those periodicals which find a genial reception from all who enjoy a journal full of interesting stories.

The Roseburg Ensign, having been out enjoying the holidays, comes to us this week, minus one half of its usual dimensions. If the people of Southern Oregon like that, we would like to edit a paper out there. We fancy we would enjoy the holidays.

No 9, Vol. 1 of the New Jersey Mechanic appears for the first time among our Exchanges. It is a paper designed for mechanics and artisans, but well interspersed in its columns are matters of interest to everybody. It is published by H. Harrison, Smithville, N. J.

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